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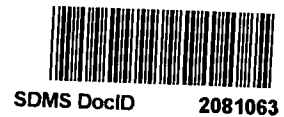
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To Mitch Cron/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

cc Alysa Suero <Alysa.Suero@drbc.state.nj.us>

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Subject Re: Bally Ground Water Superfund Site - Proposed Plan



Mitch,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. I have attached our comments. In short both the operation of the new well and the continued use, treatment and discharge from existing Well No. 3 require Commission approval.

Regards,  
Bill

Cron.Mitch@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

Bill: The community is Bally, Berks County, PA. They're going through a change of Borough Managers. When you're ready to talk with them, give me a buzz and I'll get you contact numbers - there's an interim Borough Manager, a Borough Engineer, and a Borough Solicitor who will probably be involved in the docket amendment. If you feel a DRBC permit is required for the long term operation of the extraction well, let me know. Thanks alot, Mitch Cron

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Subject Re: Bally Ground Water Superfund Site -  
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Mitch,

The link does not appear to be attached. If this is a new public water supply well. I will need to know which community currently owns and operates the current well and the withdrawal rate. We will need to contact the community and request that they file a docket amendment request to the Commission. If the response action also involves continual withdrawal from the old well for remediation, the responsible party may also have to file an application with us as well.

I will know more when I see the details of the project.

Thanks,

Bill

Cron.Mitch@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

>Bill:

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>I got your name/number/email from John Monsees of EPA Region III ORC.

>Attached is a link to the Propsed Plan for a remedial response action at

>the Bally Ground Water Superfund Site. The response action involves the

>installation of a new public water supply well. Please contact me if

>you have questions/comments regarding this Proposed Plan.

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>Thanks,

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>Mitch Cron

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Mitch,

Thank you for providing the Proposed Plan and the supporting information for the Bally Ground Water Contaminated Superfund Site and for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the proposed remedy.. I have reviewed the USEPA Proposed Plan, dated March 2007, and am providing the following comments:

1. The preferred alternative is Alternative 2 which includes the installation of a new public water supply well to replace the Borough of Bally's Well No. 3 and the continued pumping of Well No. 3 to control the plume. Water from Well No. 3 will be treated and discharged to an unnamed tributary of the West Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. The proposed plan indicates that the *?*  
Borough of Bally currently obtains its water supply from two wells and springs.

The Commission has approval authorities over water withdrawal and discharges in the Delaware River Basin. The withdrawal from ground water for any purpose when the daily average gross withdrawal during any 30 consecutive day period exceeds 100,000 gallons requires Commission approval in the form of a docket. Docket No. D -78-19 CP was issued by the Commission to the Borough of Bally on May 24, 1978 approving the withdrawal of up to 9.7 million gallons per 30 days from three wells and 2 springs for public water supply purposes. In addition to the springs, the docket indicates that there are three wells - Wells Nos. 2 & 3 are the primary wells and Well No. 1 is a standby well. The docket also indicates that Well No. 1 is located in Washington Township and Wells Nos. 2 & 3 are in the Borough of Bally. While it may only be nomenclature differences, it would be helpful if you could provide the longitude and latitude of the actual wells impacted by the plume. It would also be helpful if you could confirm that EPA is aware of the third well and has determined that it is not impacted by the plume.

*respond  
cc Greg  
Linger*

The location of a new drinking water well requires the submission of an application to amend the existing Borough of Bally docket. Regardless of whether the PRP is actually drilling the new well or will reimburse the Borough of Bally for the new well, I am assuming that the Borough will own and operate the new well. Therefore, the Borough of Bally needs to apply to modify the current docket. Our files indicate that PADEP has provided us with information regarding a Pre Drilling Plan Approval and Hydrologic Report Requirements for the Arcadis/Bally, Longacre Site in Washington Township, Berks County, however no application has been filed for the new well. Communication during mid-February between DRBC staff and Christopher Sharpe of Arcadis indicates that Arcadis will soon file a withdrawal application.

The proposed remedy also includes the continued withdrawal from Well No. 3, and the discharge after treatment to an unnamed tributary of the West Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. In addition to review and approval of withdrawal projects, the construction of treatment facilities for the direct discharge to surface or groundwater having a design capacity of 50, 000 gallons per day or more also requires Commission approval in the form of a docket. The proposed plan was not specific as to the amount of the withdrawal or the amount or location of the discharge. Please provide that information. If the withdrawal and the discharge meets the thresholds above, the party that is going to own, operate and maintain the operations must apply to the Commission for docket approval.

Our applications and fee forms are available from our web site ([www.drbc.net](http://www.drbc.net)) or by contacting us directly. In addition to the regular application process, the Commission also considers requests for emergency approval. Please call me or Alysa Suero (ext. 264) if you have any comments or wish to discuss the above.

Bill